

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Colorectal cancer screening, adults 50+
Demographic Group	Wisconsin adults aged 50 and older
Numerator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of adults aged 50 and older in the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor (BRFS) sample who reported ever having a blood stool test. The number of adults aged 50 and older in the Wisconsin BRFS sample who reported ever having a sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.
Denominator	The number of adults aged 50 and older in the Wisconsin BRFS samples for the relevant year or years (both measures).
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-“ column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of adults aged 50 and older who have ever had a blood stool test, a sigmoidoscopy or a colonoscopy. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals. Results shown in the tables are weighted to represent the overall population of adults in Wisconsin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRFS questions: “A blood stool test is a test that may use a special kit at home to determine whether the stool contains blood. Have you ever had this test using a home kit?” “Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are exams in which a tube is inserted in the rectum to view the bowel for signs of cancer or other health problems. Have you ever had either of these exams?”
Other Data Information	<p>The Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) is a sample survey conducted by the Bureau of Health Information and Policy in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The annual number of cases is currently approximately 4,000 and has ranged from approximately 2,700 to 3,500 in recent years. Weighted BRFS data are considered representative of the Wisconsin adult population living in households with telephones. The CDC calculates the weights using Wisconsin population data and provides them to BHIP.</p> <p>The table by race and ethnicity shows estimates using combined years of data to yield a minimum of 100 cases per group.</p>
Data Source	<p>Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.</p> <p>The BRFS is an ongoing probability survey conducted by telephone and carried out in conjunction with the CDC. Each survey year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.</p>

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Additional Information	The CDC Web site provides substantial information about the BRFSS at both the national and state levels, including prevalence and trend data and historical question information. Information about the Wisconsin BRFSS is also available at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/healthsurveys.htm .
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